

How it all began: Oerding school was looking for a partner school via The British Embassy. Headmaster Mr. John Clark contacted Oerding and a partnership was formed. Year 4 and 5 at Oerding communicate every month or so with Ashcombe Primary School. The fist topic was Vikings, the next describing the local areas. Right now the pupils at Oerding are finishing a project about animal studies which are to be sent off to Bristol any day. Next subjects could be: A friendship theme, describing Denmark and Great Britain. Both culture and language are the focus! Wish to learn more-read here:

Dear Simon and Hanne,

How lovely to hear from you! Yes- I'd absolutely love to develop a working relationship between our schools.

We don't have any experience in running such a partnership but are happy to learn and experiment as we go! The staff here would welcome the opportunity to host your staff and to welcome groups of students, as well as to visit your school in time.

In these turbulent political times building friendships and understanding between young people across Europe is essential! This relationship could really help our pupils in this regard. Our school serves an area of social disadvantage, cut off from some of the wealthier metropolitan areas. It would be amazing to open out some new horizons for our most disadvantaged children.

We have a project-based model of curriculum delivery (it's called REAL Projects and the link for more information is here: <a href="http://www.real-projects.org/">http://www.real-projects.org/</a>). This gives us the flexibility to build in pieces of work that could involve working on aspects of it with your school.

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I've asked my staff to think if there's a link they could suggest for their September projects that might be of interest to your staff and children. Once we've done this, I could write back to see if there's any scope for your school to be involved in these suggestions.

I guess we should start slowly and build up over time- I wondered about a Zoom call (or Skype if you prefer) between us to chat and introduce ourselves, then some simple email or Skype calls from between classes (we have 630 children here and are quite large for a UK primary schoolwe'd need to select just a couple of classes here initially).

We could then progress to mapping some inter-school activities on Zoom across the coming academic year so we have something concrete in our diaries to work towards.

Of course, if there are particular things you'd like your students to be able to do, we'd be happy to plan this in or consider something else that's more helpful to you.

I've also included a link to the school's Facebook and Twitter feeds so you can get a feel for some of the things we get up to here and see a few faces (including Gus, our school dog!).

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UK schools break for half term next week, so if you'd like to progress further, perhaps you could suggest some convenient times for us to have an initial face-to-face Zoom/Skype call?

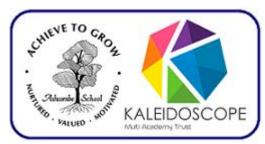
Very best wishes,

John

From: Ashcombe Primary School Sent: 21 May 2019 15:24:42

To: John Clark

Subject: Fw: To Mr. John Clark from school in Denmark



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**From:** Ørding Friskole < kontoret@oerdingfriskole.dk >

**Sent:** 21 May 2019 13:02 **To:** Ashcombe Primary School

**Subject:** To Mr. John Clark from school in Denmark

Dear Mr. Clark

Thank you for your email. I apologize for the delay in replying to it.

We would be very happy to form a partnership between our 2 schools-especially as we try to be a little bit international. (We are also part of an Erasmus+ project for 2 years etc.)

We have got plenty of ideas-and I'm sure you have too.

So now the question is: How do we start?

Shared theme days, skyping, writing, project work etc. Maybe we could link your school's name on our webpage. We have a facebook group for everyone interested- ording friskole for you to join if you want.

I know that our students age 12-14 would love to come and visit Bristol and your school at some point. And you are of course, as are your teachers, and your students always welcome here. We can easily find accommodation with pupils' families, teachers etc.

Hope you are still interested in a partnership ☺ Looking forward to hearing from you. Kind regards Simon Ward (English and art teacher at Ording/expatriate) and

Venlig hilsen

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